Houses destroyed during Tsunami

*325. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses in each State, destroyed or damaged during the Tsunami havoc, which have still to be reconstructed/repaired;

(b) the total number of such houses rebuilt or repaired; and

(c) the reasons for the slow rehabilitation of the Tsunami hit persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Due to Tsunami, a total of 199.024 houses were destroyed or partially damaged for which financial assistance was provided for reconstruction and repairs.

85,488 houses found fully damaged/destroyed in five States/Union Territories (UTs) have been taken up for reconstruction under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP), which is being implemented over a four year period from 2005-06 to 2008-09. So far, 53,117 houses have been constructed or nearing completion and the remaining houses are targeted for completion by 2008-09. Pending construction of permanent houses, the Tsunami affected families have been housed in temporary/intermediate shelters.

The State/UT-wise details of number of houses partially or fully damaged, number of houses fully damaged/destroyed, number of houses reconstructed or nearing completion and balance for reconstruction are given in the statement below:

Statement

Number of houses damaged/destroyed and reconstructed

State/UT	Number of Houses partly and fully damaged	Number of Houses fully damaged/ destroyed	Number of Temporary/ intermediate houses constructed	Number of houses	
				reconstructed/ nearing completion	Balance to be reconstructed
1	2	3	4	5	6
Tamil Nadu	1,50,000	63,588	33,750	44,137	19,451

1	2	3	4	5	6
Puducherry	10,061	7,567	48	3,035	4,532
Andhra Pradesh	481	481	—*	481	—
Kerala	17,382	4,055	1,496	4,055	—
Andaman & Nicobar	21,100	9,797	9,565	1,409	8,388
TOTAL:	1,99,024	85,488	44,859	53,117	32,371

*The damage being less, affected families were accommodated in schools etc.

Logistic problems like transportation of all construction material from the mainland, inability of several jetties to handle cargo ships and limited working season are the main reasons for slow progress in Andaman and Nicobar Islands (ANI). Scarcity of land coupled with shortage of building material and skilled workers in Puducherry and scarce & expensive land in Kerala are some of the factors contributing the delay in construction of houses. Severe floods in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu in 2005-2006 season, need to obtain multiple clearances and detailed techno-economic studies for designing new projects in livelihood and other sectors are other factors affecting the implementation of TRP.

Central assistance to heavy rain affected Rajasthan

†*326. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Study Team recently visited the heavy rainfall affected 12 districts of Rajasthan and assessed the situation there;

(b) whether the Central Government have released total amount of Rs. 350 crore and Rs. 163.66 crore, till date; and

(c) whether the memorandum of the State Government has been considered; if so, by when the funds would be made available according to the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) An Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the State of Rajasthan from 3rd to 6th September, 2006 to assess the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.